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FOR THE 1978/79 WINE-GROWING YEAR

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concerning the final estimates for the 1978/79 wine-growing year

Pursuant to Article 5(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 337/79, "For each wine-growing year, the Commission shall provide the Council with final estimates of Community resources and uses in the preceding wine-growing year".

The final estimates for the 1978/79 wine-growing year are annexed to this Communication.

Compared with the 1977/78 estimates, it can be seen that :

- overall production increased by about 10.2 million hl;
- imports from non-member countries increased by 0.3 million hl;
- processing increased by about 1.0 million hl;
- direct human consumption increased by about 2.5 million hl;
- stocks at the end of the wine-growing year increased by about 1.8 million hl.

The Community harvest of 138.337.000 hl in the autumn of 1978 was 2.447.000 hl more than total domestic uses.

Total domestic uses, including quantities distilled pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 337/79, dropped by about 1.4 million hl.

Excluding the quantities affected by the distillation measures, total domestic uses declined by 2.0 million hl.

Final estimates for the 1978/79 wine-growing year

(in '000 hl)

HEADINGS	Total volume	Red and Rosé	White
1. Total production	138.952		
2. Part of the production used for the preparation of grape juice	615		
3. Production used for wine-making	138.337	83.920	54.417
4. Stocks at the beginning of the wine-growing year	74.435	42.582	31.853
- held by growers	40.250	25.104	15.146
- held by the trade	34.185	17.478	16.707
5. Availabilities at the beginning of the wine year (3 + 4)	212.772	126.502	86.270
6. Imports	6.174		
7. Total availabilities (5 + 6)	218.946		
8. Total domestic uses	135.890		
- direct human consumption	123.100		
- processing	11.966		
- distilling	11.224		
- vinegar-making	742		
- production losses	296		
- trade losses	528		
9. Exports	6.814		
10. Stocks at the end of the wine year	76.242	44.626	31.616
11. Changes in Stocks (10 - 4)	+ 1.807	+ 2.044	- 237
12. Degree of self-supply % (3 : 8) (1)	103,1		
13. Annual per capita consumption (litres)	47,3		

Source : EUROSTAT

(1) Excluding quantities distilled under intervention measures (1.668.000 hl)